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Discussion of Shipping by the Second Conference (Item V of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference)

Note by the UNCTAD Secretariat

1. At the request of the Chairman, the secretariat of UNCTAD has prepared this note.

2. Bearing in mind the objectives of UNCTAD, it is the opinion of the secretariat that the study of and relevant action concerning shipping is of fundamental importance.

3. The shipping questions, listed in sub-items (b) to (f) inclusive of item V of the draft provisional agenda for the Second Conference, are questions of fundamental importance in international shipping.

4. On the subjects of Shipping Industry in Developing Countries, including Expansion of Merchant Marines of Developing Countries and Consultation Machinery in Shipping, the work of the UNCTAD secretariat is sufficiently advanced to enable reports to be placed before the Second Conference that will facilitate meaningful action.

5. It is the function of the Board and its appropriate subsidiary body, and not that of the secretariat, to suggest the items on which the Second Conference should concentrate and those which should continue to be dealt with through the permanent machinery of the Board and the Board itself.

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